

REMARKS

Claims 2 – 14, 16 – 28, and 30 – 42 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 15, 29, and 43 are canceled, and claims 11, 12, 25, 26, 39, and 40 are amended for proper dependency, by the foregoing amendment. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner indicated that claims 2 – 10, 14, 16 – 24, 28, 30 – 38, 42, and 43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 now incorporates the elements of claim 1 and, therefore, is deemed allowable. Claims 3 – 14 depend directly or indirectly from claim 2, and are likewise deemed allowable. Claim 16 now incorporates the elements of claim 15 and, therefore, is deemed allowable. Claims 17 – 28 depend directly or indirectly from claim 16, and are likewise deemed allowable. Claim 30 now incorporates the elements of claim 29 and, therefore, is deemed allowable. Claims 31 – 42 depend directly or indirectly from claim 30, and are likewise deemed allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the rejection of claims 1, 11 – 13, 15, 25 – 27, 29, and 39 – 41 is moot. Claims 2 – 14, 16 – 28, and 30 – 42, as amended, which comprise all of the remaining claims in the application, are deemed to now be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

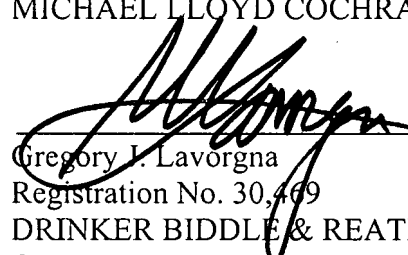
The claims have been amended as suggested by the examiner. In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Withdrawal of all rejections and objections, and an early notice of allowance of claims 2 – 14, 16 – 28, and 30 – 42, is earnestly solicited.

If the examiner believes that direct contact with the Applicant's representative would be helpful, the examiner is cordially invited to contact either the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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